

Colonization

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Dear Wife

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Your last was duly received at South
Berwick & glad was I, I assure you to hear from you
especially that your health was improved. Hold on to the
Graham Bread! For want of other things to say, I supposed I
must give you a brief account of my sayings & doings since
I wrote you. I remained at Concord, shut up by a storm, two
days, in fine, nice, snug, abolition quarters, in the family of Mr
Kent - another Winslow family, in every respect, with pretty inte-
the bargain. From thence I went to South Berwick, preached half
of the Sabbath at Great Falls ^{for Bro. Smith} & the other & the evening in S. Ber-
wick for Bro Kiler. We had a grand audience Sabbath
Evening, a great deal of interest excited, but the Colonia-
tion incubus lies on the public mind, paralyzing all its en-
gies, & standing in the way of effort. Monday Evening I lectured
again. Tuesday I went to Bro. Smith's again, lectured to a good
audience Wednesday Evening - preached Thanksgiving Sermon
for Bro. Smith - & lectured in the evening to a very large audience
All the ministers - 4 of them - are favorable & there the
public conscience has never been soared, or the public
sympathies blunted by that monster - of questionable shape -
Colonization. I am more & more persuaded that abolition
will never get full & active possession of the public mind.
Your faithful colonization is utterly & forever dead. From Great
Falls I came on to Wells & was to have lectured there on
Friday Evening, but poor Bro. Clephane, formerly of Beverly,
although he gave the notice on the Sabbath, got frightened out

S.D. Monday, I never opened this just to day, as I told you we last evening in my
meeting house to a very large audience - many had to go away for want of room. I am
you & 5. or so for necessities. I shall be at home before the first of January.

fit because some of his people were violently opposed to it, & so on Thanksgiving day recalled the notice! Shame on such cowardice! I would as soon be a Southern slave & done with it, as be such a slave!! However I stopped over night with him - went & saw the other minister Mr Clark & made an agreement for a meeting in his church when I return. Thence I came to Portland - found Lucy Ellen quite sick with a cold etc - Louisa also somewhat indisposed from the same cause - & I therefore came to a Mr Ropes - Unitarian - where I find a nice, snug chamber with a fire in it for my reception, & in which I am breaking the Sabbath (perhaps) by writing to my better half. It is the only time I can get - I lecture this evening on Slavery & the Slave trade in the District of Columbia &c

Thus have I given you a brief account of my proceedings. God has been with me & given me, I think, favor in the eyes of the people. Great efforts are made in this section to discountenance & prevent discussion, but discussion will be had, & where it is had, it will only produce the greater results. This evening I lecture in the friends meeting house on the subject of Slavery & the Slave-trade in the District of Columbia. To morrow I go over six miles, to Saccarappa. I think I shall visit Charles in the course of the week. When I shall return I do not know - as soon as I can. I am disappointed that you have heard nothing from Mr York. I shall write to Wright or Greene immediately & if you do not hear within a week from this you must write me at Portland. Indeed I wish you to write me immediately on the receipt of this & let me know how matters stand. If you hear nothing I must come home to attend

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first be reconciled to your brother - away with your slavery
I signed the mission to Africa I kiss my dear boy &
to your brother - away with your slavery
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to it. And still, unless I receive aid from N York I know not where
else to look for it. I think it would be well if you have an oppor-
tunity to say something about it to Uncle Benjamin & tell him how
the matter is & ask what to do.

Please inform me also when Mr Boies is to be installed - whether
you have yet received anything from Mr Briggs. Tell Mother
if you write her, to manage wood & other matters as she
pleases - My shirts are piling me.

Thus far secular matters. And now I have only to add
in conclusion that I am more & more confirmed in the right-
ness of our cause. Abolition - sympathy for - & efforts to
relieve the oppressed are everywhere in the Bible made an
essential part of religion. Man may regard the matter as they
may, God despises that religion & rejects those sacrifices
which are not accompanied with a sympathy for the oppressed.
My dear wife, let us never despise any human being - whether
he may be - whatever his condition, complexion, parentage
however degraded. He is God's creature - made in God's image
- the possessor of a deathless soul - the heir of a common
immortality - a traveller to a common eternity - a common
heaven or a common hell. And as to the poor negroes, that
man who opens his charities & sends up his prayers to send the
gospel to Africa & yet spurns the negro, Africa's representative,
from his door, his table, his friendships & his society, does but play
the hypocrite. He is bound to feel towards that despised negro at
his door, just as he would if he saw him on the coast of Africa
& was going as the missionary to bear the tidings of salvation to him.
& if he do not, he does but play the hypocrite in all his pretend-
ed sympathies & charities for the negro at a distance. God abhors
such offerings & his language to every such man is



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